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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCRAE,

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION.

CTA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR BORN YEO.

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ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 2 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: CAMBODIA-KHMER COMMUNISTS THREATEN KAMPOT CITY

REF: PHNOM PENH ENTEL 3150, 021200Z FEB 74, SECRET

KHMER COMMUNIST FORCES ARE PUTTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON THE SOUTHWESTERN CITY OF KAMPOT. SINCE FEBRUARY 28 THE INSURGENTS HAVE CARRIED OUT ATTACKS AROUND KAMPOT'S ENTIRE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. THEY HAVE CAPTURED THE CITY'S WATER PLANT, FIVE MILES NORTHEAST OF THE KAMPOT, AND SOME COMMUNIST ELEMENTS HAVE NOW MOVED TO WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE CITY PROPER AND ITS AIRPORT.

4 SOME OF KAMPOT'S RESIDENTS SHOWED SIGNS OF PANIC ON MARCH 2.

3 BUT AT LAST REPORT THE CITY WAS CALM.

2 MEANWHILE, THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IN PHNOM PENH IS

1 TAKING STEPS TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION. ABOUT 250 CAMBODIAN

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ARMY TROOPS FROM KOMPONG SOT HAVE BEEN AIRLIFTED TO KAMPOT, AND A NEW-MADE MARINE BATTALION FROM THE CAMBODIAN NAVY BASE AT REAT IS DUE TO ARRIVE EARLY ON MARCH 3. TEN NAVY PATROL BOATS ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO HELP DEFEND KAMPOT, AND THE CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE IS PROVIDING SOME TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT POSI- TIONS AROUND THE CITY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AND AT NIGHT. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT COMMANDER IS LIKELY TO BE REMOVED VERY SOON. ACCORDING TO THE US EMBASSY, HIS DEFEATISTS ATTITUDE AND POOR LEADERSHIP HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE POOR CIVILIAN MOREALE AT KAMPOT AND THE WEAK STATE OF ITS DEFENSES.																										
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